

Senior Corps Work Plan SAMPLE

Work Plan Name: Safety- Fire and Accident Prevention – Sample 1 (RSVP)	Work Plan ID: AZH15056
Issue Area: Public Safety	Total # Stations: 1
Service Category: Safety/Fire Prevention/Accident Prevention	Total # Volunteers: 24
<p>Community Need: According to agencies serving the low-income elderly and local and county law enforcement staff, undetected home accidents or medical conditions experienced by homebound frail elderly and disabled populations can lead to serious injury or death. These undetected events, such as falls, fire, smoke, carbon monoxide poisoning, are particularly dangerous for homebound frail elderly and disabled populations living in remote locations or with limited access to transportation. According to a 2003 Triad survey jointly administered by seniors and law enforcement in Pine County, one of the top fears of the elderly is to fall, sustain injury and lay undetected for hours or days.</p> <p>The installation of safety devices can help prevent these undetected accidents or conditions by quickly connecting the elderly and disabled to emergency services. However, not all elderly and disabled can afford these devices nor are they able to install them. To address this need, Pine County has requested RSVP volunteers to implement a home safety program that involves the installation, use, and maintenance of smoke, fire, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and other safety devices.</p>	
<p>Service Activity: Over the course of the year, 24 RSVP volunteers will install home safety kits in the homes of low-income elderly and disabled individuals at risk of an undetected accident or medical condition. RSVP volunteers will receive a list of individuals who have requested this service from local agencies who serve this population. Each team will schedule the home visits and install the safety kits. In addition to other safety devices, all residents will be supplied with emergency call pendants that phone for emergency assistance when activated. Teams will schedule home visits at a time when another individual (such as a caregiver, relative, or friend) is present, to complete required forms, install the kit, and show residents how to operate and maintain the safety items. Teams will also conduct follow-up visits to individuals one month after installation to make sure safety kits are being maintained and that individuals still know where to find their safety kits.</p>	
<p>Anticipated Input: Over 12 months, twenty four (24) RSVP volunteers, grouped in 8 three-person or 12 two-person teams, will serve approximately 200 hours each over 12 months, for a total of 4,800 hours. RSVP volunteers will each serve during one of two six-month periods. Twelve RSVP volunteers will serve 40 residents during the first half of the year; twelve more RSVP volunteers will serve 40 additional residents during the second 6 months.</p> <p>Each RSVP volunteer will receive eight hours of training on assessment forms, safety criteria, installation and follow-up procedures. Two 8-hour training sessions will take place during the year; one session for 12 RSVP volunteers at the beginning of the year; the second session for twelve more RSVP volunteers midway through the year.</p>	

Anticipated Accomplishments/Outputs:

Residents have home safety kits installed.

Indicator: Number of residents who have home safety kits installed and receive instruction.

Target: Eighty residents will have home safety kits installed and receive instruction.

How Measured? Home Safety Kit Checklist, completed by RSVP team member during visit

Anticipated Intermediate Impact/Outcome:

Residents report an increased sense of personal safety as a result of home safety kit installation and instruction.

Indicator: Number of residents who report that they feel safer (perceptions of safety, actual safety device performance in actual emergencies) as a result of home safety kit installation and instruction.

Target: One month after installation and instruction, at least 80 percent of residents will report that they feel safer in at least half of the safety areas (e.g. fire, carbon monoxide poisoning, etc.) as a result of home safety kit installation and instruction.

How Measured? Post-Service Telephone Survey, administered one month after home safety kit installation.

Anticipated End Impact/Outcome:

Residents can find home safety kit and understand how to use it.

Indicator: Six months after initial home visit and installation, percent of residents who are able to find their home safety kits and who demonstrate correct use of devices contain in the kit.

Target: Six months after initial home visit and installation, at least 80 percent of residents will be able to find their home safety kits and will demonstrate correct use of devices contain in the kit.

How Measured? Home Safety Kit Checklist, completed by RSVP team member during follow-up visit